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SUBJ: EUROPEAN ECONOMIC FOREIGN JOURNALISTS' TOUR

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1. TOUR PARTICIPANT HIHAI MATEI HAS 26-COLUMN-INCH ARTICLE IN MARCH 21 ISSUE OF LUMEA (CIRC. 100,000) TITLED "AFTER THE YEAR OF EUROPE -- AN ANSWER TO THE LAST QUESTION." TITLE REFERS TO THE LAST QUESTION ANSWERED BY PRESIDENT NIXON AT CHICAGO BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCH ABOUT WHETHER HE WOULD MEET WITH EUROPEAN CHIEFS OF STATE IN APRIL. PRESIDENT'S ANSWER, QUOTED IN FULL, WAS "I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT IN THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SPHERES NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, AND THAT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, AS A RESULT, IF THE CHIEFS OF STATE WERE TO MEET FOR EXAMPLE, IN APRIL WE WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING EXCEPT PAPER OVER THE EXISTING PROBLEMS, WITHOUT RESOLVING THEM." ARTICLE GOES ON TO SKETCH PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND WEST EUROPE SUCH AS POLITICAL COORDINATION AND LIBERALIZED TRADE BETWEEN COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES AND THE U.S.

2. MATEI HAS 24-COLUMN-INCH ARTICLE IN MARCH 28 ISSUE OF LUMEA TITLED "USA-ECE, A DIFFICULT DIALOGUE," WHICH IS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRAIGHTFORWARD EXPOSITION OF THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND

THE ECE "NINE" REVOLVING AROUND TRADE AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

3. COMMENT: BOTH ARTICLES ARE RELATIVELY "STRAIGHT" TREATMENTS OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND WEST EUROPE, AND MUCH OF THE INFORMATION IS PRESENTED THROUGH DIRECT QUOTES OF AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN OFFICIALS, WITH LITTLE EDITORIALIZING. THE POST BELIEVES THESE ARTICLES EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OBJECTIVES HERE, INASMUCH AS THEY SUGGEST THAT THE U.S. IS NOT ATTEMPTING TO BE UNQUESTIONED LEADER OF SO-CALLED WESTERN "BLOC," BUT IS RATHER ONE AMONG MANY VOICES ENGAGED IN A CONTINUING COMPLEX DIALOGUE. THE ARTICLES, WHILE NOT "ENDORISING" THE U.S. POSITION, MAKE POINT BY INFERENCE THAT U.S. IS OVERTLY PURSUING WHAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE LEGITIMATE FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES, A POINT WELL WORTH MAKING IN ROMANIA. AS SUCH, THESE ARTICLES PROVIDE FURTHER USEFUL "FALL-OUT" FROM RECENT AGENCY-SPONSORED EUROPEAN ECONOMIC JOURNALISTS' TOUR.

4. ARTICLES BEING AIRPOUCHED TO IOP/FW.  
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